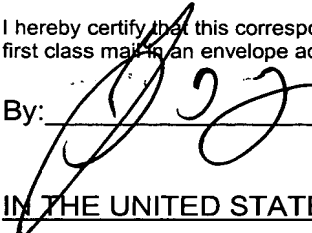
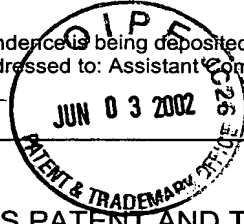


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Appl. No. : 10/089,705  
PCT No. : PCT/DE00/03445  
Filed : April 1, 2002  
Title : Apparatus for Transferring Membranes to a Continuously Operable  
Sealing Carousel for the Heat Sealing of Can-Like Packaging  
Materials

Art Unit :

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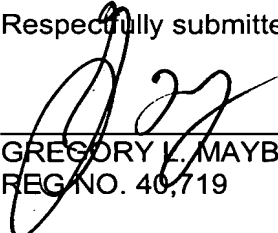
Sir:

The above-mentioned national stage application was filed on April 1, 2002 without a signed oath or declaration.

Enclosed herewith is the original signed declaration as required by the Notification Of Missing Requirements dated May 14, 2002.

The fee required for the late filing of an oath or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed. Applicant is entitled to small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
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- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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